present-day needs. Hence, the Municipality has submitted the following proposals for effecting certain improvements to the existing Head Water Works :—

(i) Improvements to the existing infiltration wells, syphon pipes, plants, etc.; and

(ii) provision of sedimentation tanks and mechanical filters.

As this scheme of improvements is not included in the State Second Five-Year Plan, and as the provision in the Plan for urban water-supply and drainage schemes is not sufficient even to meet the expenditure on the schemes under execution, the investigation of the works can be sanctioned only if the Municipal Council, Tiruchirappalli is in a position to meet the entire cost of the schemes from its own funds without any financial assistance from the Government. The Municipal Council was asked to state how it proposes to finance the scheme accordingly. Its reply sent through the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (General) is awaited.

Apart from the above, the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department (General) has submitted certain proposals for the improvements to the distribution system for the western and southern areas of the Municipality estimated to cost Rs. 41·81 lakhs. This scheme is included in the list of spill over schemes. The Chief Engineer has stated that the cost of first stage of the scheme is Rs. 28·91 lakhs and that the second stage of the work is proposed to be taken up only after 1976. The Municipal Council has been asked to state how it proposes to finance the scheme and its reply is awaited.

III.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER—MESSAGE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce that the Indian Stamps (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1958 passed by the Legislative Assembly on 25th March 1958 has been returned by the Legislative Council with the recommendation that the Bill may be adopted subject to the following amendment :— 9-32 a.m.

Amendment.

In clause 15, in item (1), in entry 6 (2) (*a*) (ii), for the expression—

" and for every additional Rs. 10,000 or part thereof in excess of Rs. 30,000.	27	00	12	25	9	00 "

substitute the following expression, namely :—

" and for every additional Rs. 10,000 or part thereof in excess of Rs. 30,000.	27	00	13	50	9	00 "